

Football Handicap

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Some of our high school football championships are going to resemble the American League pennant race. You can bet on it!

After the schools have played two non-league games, a football handicapper has an opportunity to examine all kinds of indicators pertinent to the teams. You never get an honest evaluation, but it is fun to try.

You can compare scores (you really need an IBM computer); study the talent; know something about each school's winning habits and traditions, and don't overlook injuries.

With these particulars in mind, the first ratings of the season have been calculated.

Like the television ratings, the teams that fail to impress are called "casualties." Among them so far are El Segundo and Lennox of the Pioneer League, Culver City of the Sky League, Daniel Murphy of the Camino Real League, and Mira Costa and Hawthorne of the Bay League.

The chances of these schools winning the championship in their leagues are remote.

El Segundo has readily been humbled. The school has lost non-league games to Rolling Hills, 26-0; and Beverly Hills, 33-0. Beverly Hills, incidentally, scored all 33 points in the second half of that game. Again this year Beverly Hills will blow hot and cold depending on the passing of its quarterback, Jim Huemann.

With games coming up against Lennox and L. B. Jordan, prospects are good that Beverly Hills can go into its Sky League opener against Rolling Hills with a 4-0 record. But after meeting Rolling Hills and Morningside back-to-back so early in the campaign, it may be fatal for Normans.

Great things have already been said about Morningside. After stomping Aviation and Inglewood, Morningside's stock continues to gain momentum.

We have already mentioned how the schedule favors Torrance. The Tartars have the talent to develop into a second or third place club.

Torrance could gain a lot of confidence Friday by whipping Paramount. This particular opponent tied Santa Monica, 6-6, but lost to a tough Glendale team, 21-0.

Without straying too far from the last paragraph, we are able to make an interesting comparison right there. North High beat Glendale, 14-6, and by juggling these scores a little bit, North would appear to be ahead of Santa Monica at this stage.

Inglewood shows signs of developing into a tremendous threat. The Sentinels should knock off an old nemesis, Santa Monica, at home Friday and sail on into its Nov. 3 outing at North unblemished.

South High has the best running back in the Bay League. There is no exaggerating Jeff Wang's ability. Anybody that takes South too lightly is in for a bad time.

Although Redondo is big and has some good credentials, the most important keys to success do not exist. The trend may find Redondo losing too many games after halftime.

If Mira Costa cannot contain Jeff Wang in its Bay League opener against South Friday, things won't improve for the Mustangs against Santa Monica and Inglewood in games to follow.

Hawthorne does not have much of an offense. An occasional long run, maybe. West High should have won easily against Hawthorne last Friday, but settled for a 15-6 second half verdict.

West cannot lose to rugged San Marina on Friday or Rolling Hills next week without losing support as a Pioneer League choice, but a big boost to the team will be the return to quarterback action of Coy Hall.

Palos Verdes, with two victories, may be deflated by Rolling Hills Friday. A week later P.V. runs into Morningside. The Sea Kings will know what football is all about by the time the Pioneer League season rolls around.

Lawndale, based upon its CIF "AA" championship of a year ago, and having a good number of returnees, is the logical Pioneer League favorite. So far the Lancers picked on a pair of patsies — Bassett and Quartz Hills — for a couple shutouts.

Schools in the Camino Real League have not altogether come out in the open with true evaluations.

Crespi has beaten Thousand Oaks and Alemany both by 19-0 scores and has a better defense than anybody else has offense. The opposition, for Crespi however, has not been too difficult.

Fermin Lasuen still hasn't exposed Quarterback Joe Lovitto, heretofore injured.

Three people favoring Bishop Montgomery are running back Mike Ramirez, center and linebacker Pat Kealey, and end Steve Patterson. However, they are a minority compared with the gang Bishop had last year. Montgomery has its hands full with Lawndale on Friday. St. Bernard's and St. Monica's will be no pushovers. The race will be the best in history.

Gardena, Carson Expected To Fill El Camino Stadium

Phase two of the Marina League's high school football version of the American League's "Great Race" will be enacted between Carson's Colts and Gardena's Mohicans Friday evening before a cinch standing room only throng at El Camino College.

This early-season showdown between the two giants of 1967 Los Angeles City prep league ranks will easily sell out the stadium long before 8 p.m. kickoff, just as the same two teams did in the final regular season game last fall when an estimated

How They Should Finish

BAY LEAGUE	SKY LEAGUE
1. North	1. Morningside
2. Inglewood	2. Rolling Hills
3. Santa Monica	3. Torrance
4. South	4. Beverly Hills
5. Redondo	5. Leuzinger
6. Mira Costa	6. Culver City
7. Hawthorne	

PIONEER LEAGUE	CAMINO REAL LEAGUE
1. Lawndale	1. Crespi
2. West	2. Montgomery
3. Palos Verdes	3. Fermin Lasuen
4. Aviation	4. St. Bernard
5. El Segundo	5. St. Monica
6. Lennox	6. Murphy

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Warriors Like 'Em Tougher

Every year West High likes to schedule one of its practice football games against one of the more formidable teams in the country.

This dish will be served up Friday when San Marino accepts the challenge of West at the Del Amo Blvd. camp.

San Marino got off to a 26-14 loss to Arcadia two weeks ago, but came back with a 13-7 win over Rosemead last weekend.

West's Warriors have victories over LaPuente, 32-0, and Hawthorne, 15-6.

TORRANCE rested last week, but Friday the Tartars travel to Paramount for a second try at intersectional competition.

A feature game in the area Friday afternoon matches Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills in the annual battle for the Peninsula Title.

Three other sets of games pair Pioneer and Sky League opponents. Lennox plays Beverly Hills, Leuzinger goes against El Segundo, and Aviation tests Culver City.

In the Camino Real League Crespi has a big test against Santa Paula.

Banquet Held For Mustangs

The Torrance Wild Mustangs, winners of the West Coast Slo-pitch Softball Association League, were honored at a banquet at the Fortune Room in Gardena.

Red Moon, West Coast vice president, presented trophies to the 16 members of the team.

Howie Sharp, head umpire of the league, gave a brief talk on the events of the season.

The Mustangs, in their first year as a West Coast team, defeated the Gardena Royals, SCMAF champions, in two straight games to win the league.

DICK BRAUMBECK

Lancers Invade Bishop

Unscathed upon Lawndale, the football powerhouse of Pioneer League, brings its machinery to Bishop Montgomery High for the third game in this series.

Lawndale is in a good position to end two years of frustration against Montgomery, having lost 21-13 and 24-6 in two prior meetings.

The CIF "AA" champion Lancers started this year by blanking both Bassett, 27-0, and Quartz Hills, 33-0. Bishop has come back from an 11-1 record in 1966 to best Mira Costa, 27-12, and South, 20-6.

Mike Ernaga, whose father, Marty, is the most active veteran coach in the area, is the team's top ball carrier.

Marty directs the backs for head coach Dick Braumbeck. Lawndale is strongest with its defensive secondary, but the offense is catching up with the defense. The personnel for both is made up of the same youngsters — Ernaga, Steve Carnes and Tom Maters.

The Lancers also like to put pressure on the opposing quarterback which means Montgomery's Greg Collins will have it rough.

Bishop's ability to give Lawndale a tussle will depend on the running backs Mike Ramirez, Dan Hogan and Craig Smith.

Pop Warner Boilermakers Win No. 2

The Torrance Boilermakers won their second Pop Warner football peer game with a 20-7 score over the Hawthorne Stingers Sunday.

In the midst division, the Torrance Stealers downed the Lomita Golden Eagles, 24-0, but the Chargers were thwarted by the Redondo Rascals, 56-0.

PEEWEEES
Hawthorne Stingers: 7 6 7 0-20
Boilermakers: TD—Russell (2); Schell; Shelton; PAT—Russell (2); Schell (2 points).

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Redondo Rascals: 7 14 7 0-28
Rascals: TD—Cribtree (3); Ferguson; Manning; Gamparini; PAT—Cribtree (3).

STEALERS
Stalers: 6 12 6 0-24
Lomita Golden Eagles: 0 0 0 0-0
Stalers: TD—Hanley (2); Smith; Conley.

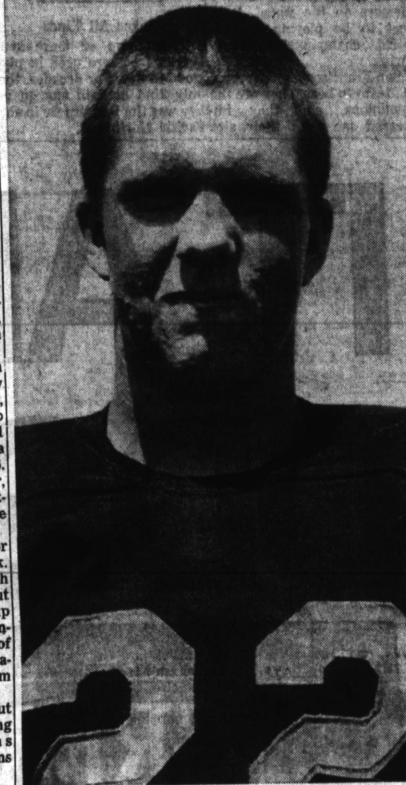
CLINIC TEAMS
Little Bulls: 0 7 7 0-14
Redondo Stealers: 0 0 0 0-0
Little Bulls: TD—Muth (2); PAT—Fleming, Muth.

COUGARS
Cougars: 7 6 0 0-13
Cougars: TD—Schaeffer (3); PAT—Schaeffer.

MANHATTAN GUPPIES
Manhattan Guppies: TD—Breen (3).

Football Schedule

BAY LEAGUE
South at Mira Costa.
Redondo at Hawthorne.
Santa Monica at Inglewood.
NON-LEAGUE
Morningside at North.
Culver City at Aviation.
Leuzinger at El Segundo.
Palos Verdes at Rolling Hills.
Torrance at Paramount.
San Marina at West.
Lawndale at Bishop Montgomery.
Santa Paula at Crespi.
Luthera at Murphy.
Amat at St. Bernard's.
Castwell at St. Monica's.



DICK BRAUMBECK... Will be tested at halfback when North High goes against unbeaten Morningside in a non-league game Friday night. The game will be at North High.

Battle Under Way For CIF's No. 1

Southland prep football teams are playing their old game of "who's on first" as four new teams emerged in the weekly "Top Ten" balloting.

Anaheim and South Pasadena retained the top spots in the "AAAA" and "AAA" polls, but two new teams joined the ranks in both polls, dethroning two defeated squads.

Muir, which drew a 13-13 deadlock with fleet-footed Centennial, pulled into ninth place in the "AAAA" balloting while Burroughs, 31-0 victor over Redondo, grabbed 10th place.

In the "AAA" poll, South Pasadena grabbed a commanding lead over second-place Temple City. Tustin's Tillers, upset victors over last week's 10th-ranked "AAAA" team, Huntington Beach, captured ninth spot while Upland, which bowed to Alta Loma, 18-12, finished 10th in the balloting.

This weekend marks the start of league play for those squads in eight-team leagues, as Anaheim kicks off the Sunset League slate against Marina or Huntington Beach. El Rancho starts Pacific League play against last year's loop runner-up, Monrovia; Santa Ana opens action against surprise Western of Anaheim. Blair meets Glendale Hoover. Santa Barbara tackles Oxnard, Muir faces Burbank and Burroughs opens against Crescenta Valley.

Allan Ransom of Garey HS in Pomona added his name to the CIF, SS, Press and Record Book last weekend as he grabbed off a North (Riverside) aerial five yards deep in his own end zone and scampered to pay dirt, 105 yards away. . . . The run eclipsed the previous longest run with an intercepted pass, the 103 yard jaunt Jeff Congdon made for Bolsa Grande in 1960 against Garden Grove. . . . As if his record-breaking run weren't enough, Ransom also rambled over the goal line on two other occasions Friday night, leading his club to a 45-0 win over North Riverside. . . .

In all the publicity surrounding Santa Barbara's 447-pound Buff (Big Man) Pointer, the Don backfield is lost in the shuffle, and Grady Hurst is doing everything he can to make up for the oversight. . . . The 170-pound Hurst has rushed for more than 200 yards in the last two games and passed for an additional 150. . . . Hurst gained 96 yards in six carries against Fremont of Los Angeles two weeks ago and rolled up 120 yards in 17 carries last weekend against San Marcos. . . . He also hit on 9 of 14 aerial attempts for 113 yards and two touchdowns, running for a third six-pointer. . . .

AAA-DIVISION
1. South Pasadena def. Charter Oak, 18-7 (St. Paul)
2. Temple City def. Claremont, 27-0; (La Mira)
3. Bishop Montgomery defeated South Torrance, 20-7 (Lawndale)

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Sidecar Races Planned

A twin bill of motorcycle racing, plus an unique sidecar race, is scheduled for Ascot Park Friday and Saturday evenings.

Post time for both meets is 8:15. There will be flat-track action on Friday, with the steeplechasers taking over Saturday.

The sidecar motorcycle racers will compete Saturday. The daring sport is popular in Europe. They should put on quite a show as they race over the jump and around the tight left and right turns.

Dan Haaby, the BSA pilot from Lawndale, extended his flat-track lead over Harley Davidson ace Mel Lacher, San Diego, by winning the main event last Friday. Meanwhile, Chuck Jones of Arcadia picked up points on Sammy Tanner, Long Beach, in their duel for third spot.

Shorty Seabourne, Lawndale, who had won the first two main events of his career the previous Friday evenings, also figures in the thick of the chase.

Sip Van Leeuwen, Sherman Oaks, winner earlier this year of the National steeplechase meet at Ascot, is the man to whip in the charge over the jumps.

Skip will have to deal with such stalwarts as Jack Simmons, Compton; Dick Hammer, Lakewood; Haaby, Bob Bailey, Torrance; and Eddie Mulder, Burbank, the 1966 U. S. steeplechase king.

Water Polo Match Set For Harbor

A water polo match between El Camino and Los Angeles County lifeguards will be played at Marine Park in Redondo Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

County aquatic stars are from two El Segundo families, Bob and Roy Saari; Ned, Paul and Chuck McRoy.

The El Camino team is headed by Paul Weschehazy of El Segundo, rated by many as the finest water-polo player in El Camino history, and Mike Payne of Mira Costa.

Capt. Dwight Crum of the County Guards is in charge of the Aquatic Show.

Marine Park is located on Portofino Way, near the Western terminus of Beryl Street at Harbor Drive.

North Bee Team Has Two Wins

The North High Bees play their third non-league football game Friday at Morningside.

Coach Jim O'Brien's Bees have defeated Glendale, 40-13, and Santa Ana Valley, 41-0, while the North Bees have a 6-0 win over Santa Ana Valley.

Gary Pryor scored twice against Glendale and Dave Skaggs had two TDs against Santa Ana.